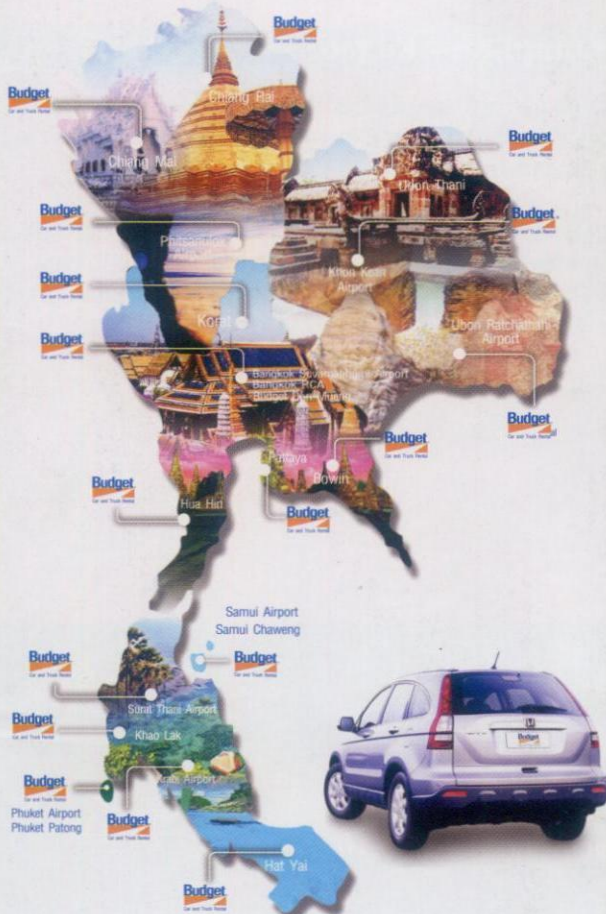


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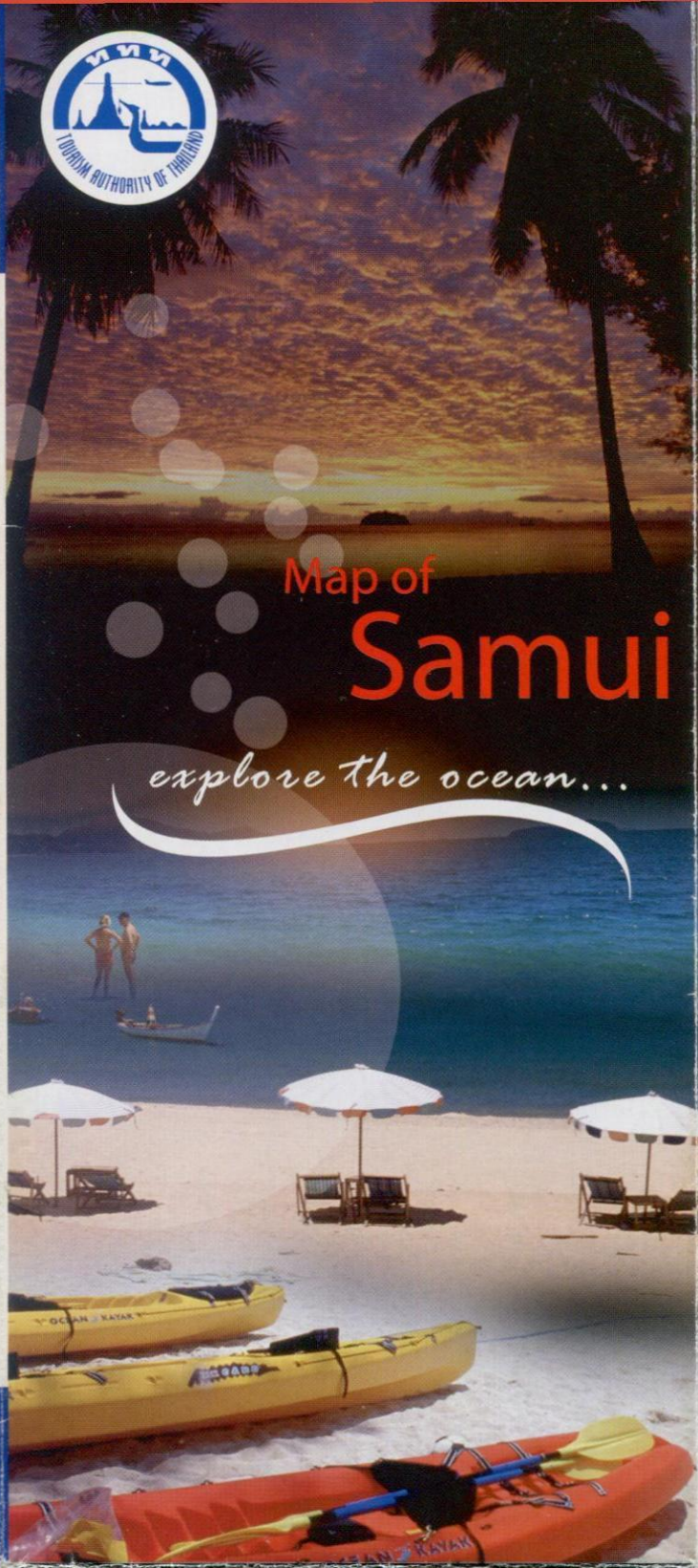
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Regular Boat departs from Ko Samui is Big Buddha pier at 10.30, 13.00, 16.00, 18.00 daily. Travelling time is 50 minutes. The fare is 200 baht.

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Ko Pha-ngan - Ko Tao

Songserm Express Boat leaves Ko Pha-ngan is Thong sala pier at 12.30 daily. Travelling time is 1.30 hours. The fare is 250 baht.

Lom Phraya Catamaran leaves Ko Pha-ngan at 8.30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Travelling time is 1 hour. The fare is 350 baht.

Ko Samui - Ko Tao

Songserm Express Boat departs from Ko Samui at 9.00, 11.00 to Ko Tao via Ko Pha-ngan. The boat arrives Ko Tao at 14.00 The fare is 300 baht.

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Chumphon - Ko Tao

Ko Tao can also be reached from Chumphon province. Boats depart from Tha Yang Pier which is 7 kilometres from town and can be reached by Song Thaeo (local vehicle).

Songserm Express Boat leave Chumphon at 7 a.m. daily and arrives at Ko Tao at 10.00 p.m. The fare is 450 baht. A joint ticket for connecting routes, Bangkok - Chumphon - Ko Tao - Ko Pha-ngan - Ko Samui - Surat Thani, is available.

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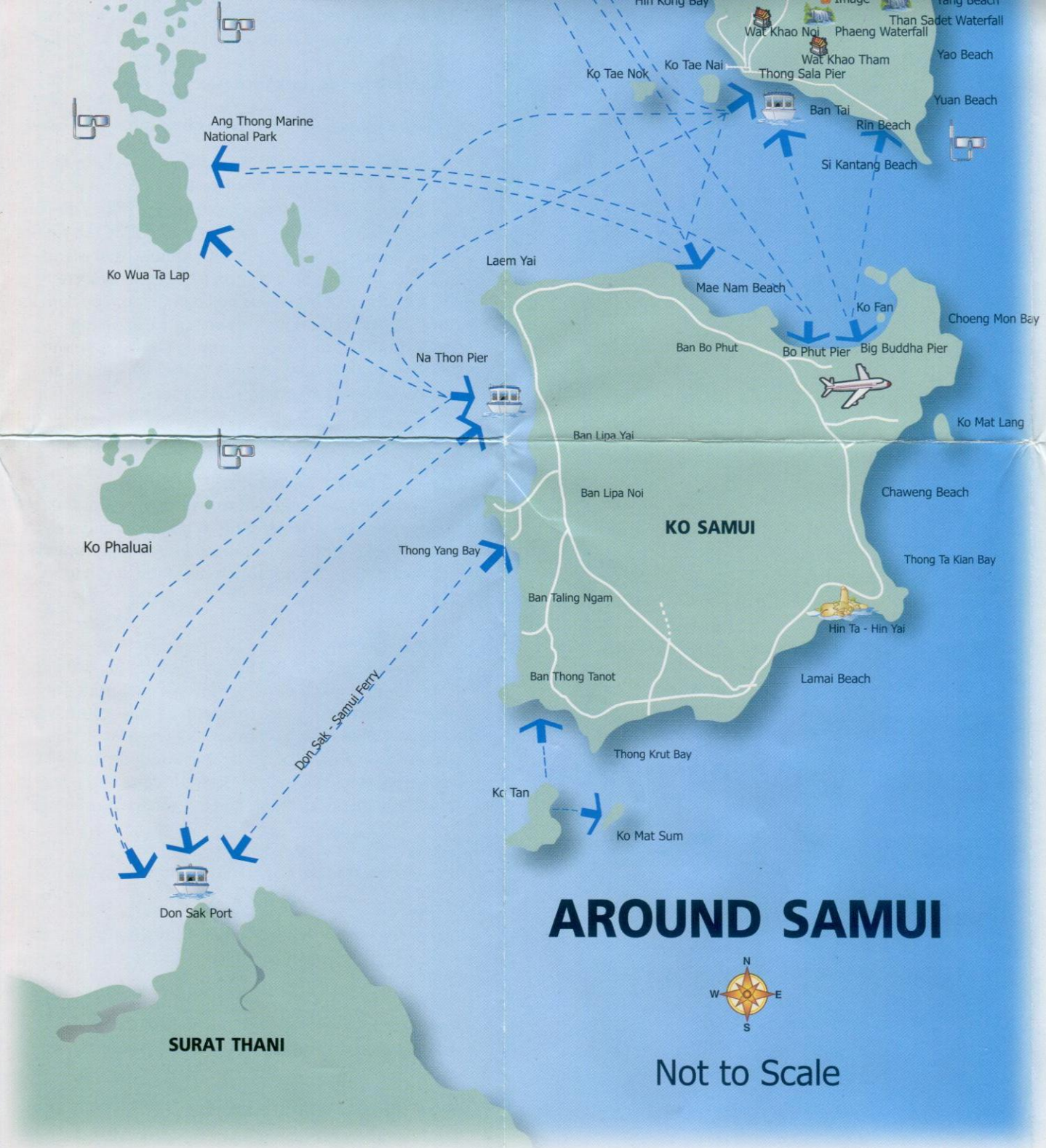
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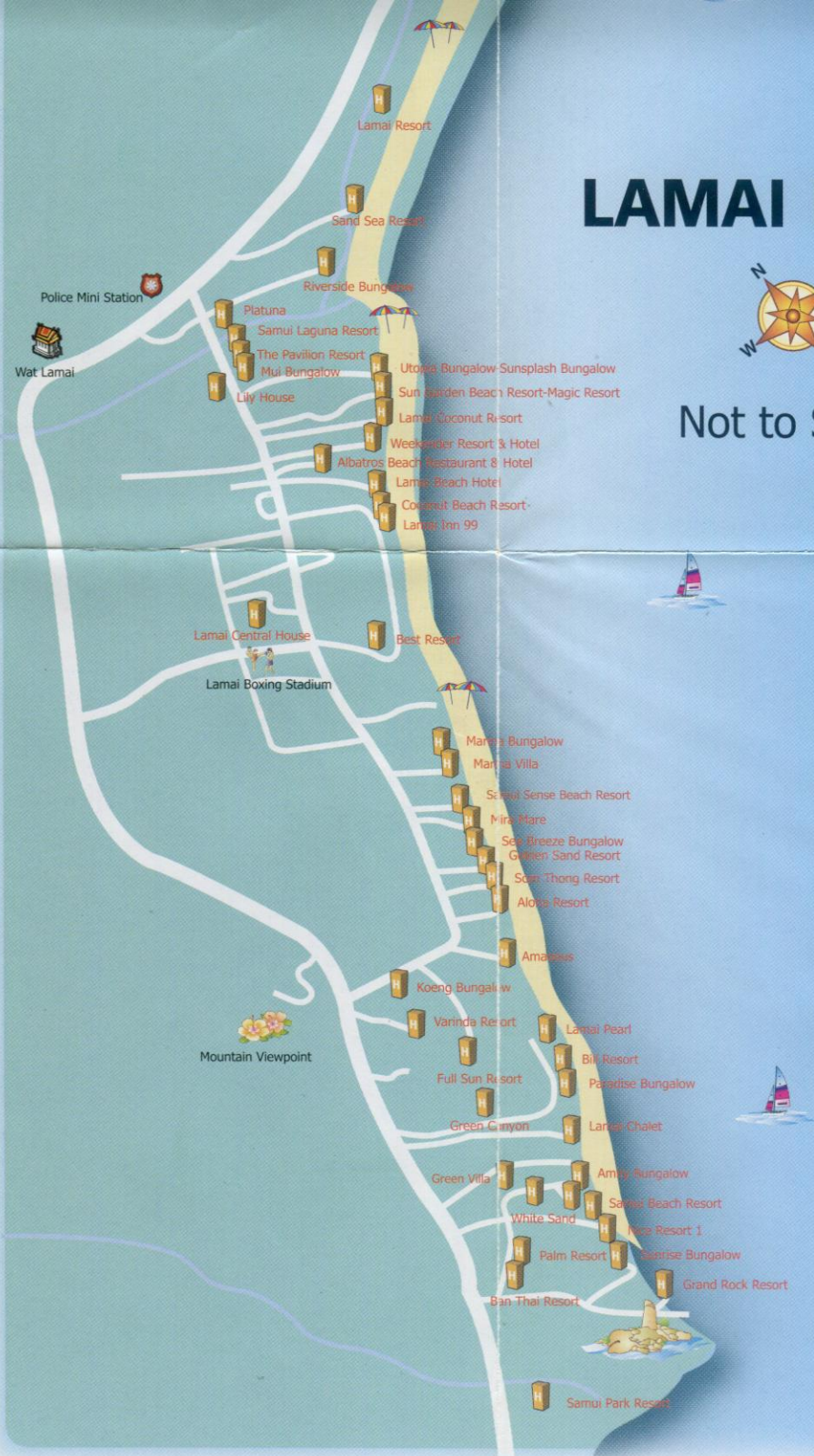
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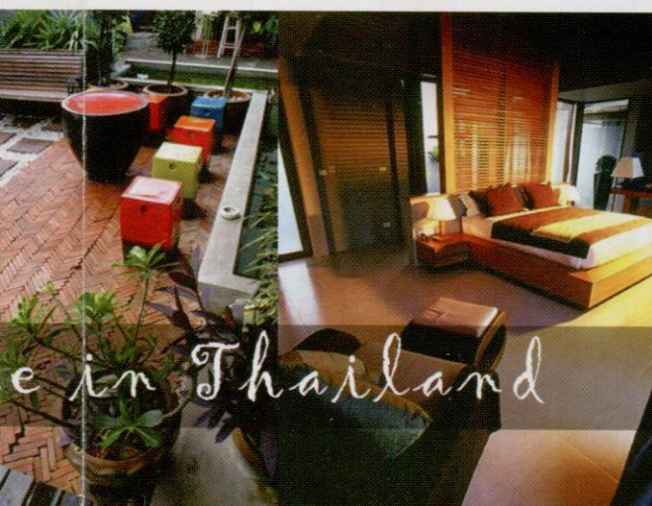
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Khao Tha Phet Nature and Wildlife Study Centre

6 kilometres south of the provincial capital along Highway 4009 (Surat Thani - Na San) and 105 kilometres along the access road, this centre is located on hill called Khao Tha Phet and covers an area of 4065 square kilometers. The designated trail allows visitors to see some rarely - seen trees and to take a close look at the leaves of soil, sandstone, and dry evergreen forest.

The hilltop, some 200 metres above sea level, offers commanding panoramic views of Surat Thani town and the Tapi River. Phrathat Si Surat, a candle - like stupa on the hill, was built in 1957 and contains Lord Buddha is relics donated by the Indian government.

Monkey School



In the southern provinces, monkeys work for humans in the harvesting of coconuts. Expert climbers, they show quick skills that are a boon to farmers. The various training schools in the region act as seats of higher learning for monkeys; some are open to visitors. Prior contact is necessary. Tourists are advised to check with local travel agents for full details.

Wat Khao Suwan Pradit

Located 1 kilometre from Don Sak district, this temple was founded by Luang Pho Choi, one of southern Thailand is most revered Buddhist ecclesiastics. The hilltop 45 metre pagoda contains Buddha relics and commands striking coastal views of Ban Don district.

Namtok Vilhavadi

This waterfall is located 38 kilometres east of the provincial along Highway No 401. The entrance to the waterfall is between Km. 60 - 61. The petite waterfall enjoys bucolic surroundings and attracts a lot of local people during weekends.

Phra Borommathat Chaiya



This elaborately restored and revered chedi (pagoda) is located some 4 kilometres northeast of Suan Mookh, or 1 kilometre from Chaiya railway station. Constructed along Mahayana Buddhist beliefs of the 7th Century, the great chedi is reputedly the best preserved Srivijaya artwork in Thailand. The stone chedi has 3 receding tiers, each of which are decorated with small stupas. The Buddha is relic are enshrined inside the chedi. In the surrounding chapels are enshrined several Chaiya - styled Buddha statues.

Chaiya National Museum in the temple contain artifacts from the 5th - 6th Century, which recount Chaiya history as a pre - historical community devolved into a city port trading with China, India and Arabia. Other collections are antiques and gold offerings donated to the great chedi. The museum is open Tuesday - Friday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission is 30 baht. Call 0 7743 1066 for more information.

Khlung Phanom National Park

Covering an area of 464 square kilometers, Khlung Phanom National Park comprises high limestone mountains connected with Khao Sok National Park. Attractions in the park include Kiriwong and Chong Yung waterfalls and several caves full of stalactites and stalagmites.

Getting there: Take Highway 401 unit arriving at Km.90. The park office is situated on the left.



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Khao Sok National Park



This is a popular eco-tourism destination in the South. Khao Sok, covering 738 square kilometers, was proclaimed a national park in 1980. As part of the largest moist evergreen forest in Southern Thailand, the park is rich with diverse flora, some of which are rarely seen elsewhere, including certain families of lotus, white palm, and fern.

Khao Sok is also one of the best bird-watching spots in Thailand. At least 155 species of birds are reportedly seen here, some of which are rare, such as hawk, heron, and many others.

Most of the park is bejeweled with convoluted limestone mountains of the Phuket Range, and very scenic canyons, streams, caves and waterfalls. The limestone islands and islets in the reservoir at Ratchaprapha Dam are very striking.

The Tourist Service Centre at the park headquarter provides information and brochures on the various trails and activities in the park. Visitors can go trekking, bird-watching, paddling, canoeing, and camping. The best time to visit the park is from December to April.

Attractions in the park include:

Ratchaprapha (Rajjaprabha) Dam

90 kilometres from the provincial via Highway 401 with a right turn at Km.60, from where a 14 kilometres access road leads to the dam site. The complete of this dam in 1988 gave birth to huge inland lake of about 168 square kilometers, which is adorned with hundreds of islands and islets. Many people compare the striking scenery here with the world-famous Kuilin in China. The dam has scenic points, restaurants, rest area, and 3 floating lodgings. Khao Sok Ranger Station near the dam site operates long-tail boat services to the raft-houses at 1,200-1,700 baht according to distances.

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Much preparation is needed to visit this cave, as the trail is rather physically demanding. A guided visit is a must. Avoid visiting during rainy seasons, due to high waters and forceful tide. Do not touch the stalactites and stalagmites.

Dang Nam

Streams chiseled across 2 ridges to create this striking gorge. Once it was a trans-peninsula route from the western to eastern coast. The deep basin accommodates many fish. Many people came to pay respect to this place, around which the venerable Buddhadasa Bhikkhu is ashes were traditionally showered. Parts of the trail to dang Nam are rather steep and cut across the streams.

Namtok Than Sawan

This scenic waterfall is 3 kilometres from Tang Nam.

Namtok Sip Et Chan

This 11-leveled waterfall originates from Bang Len canal. The first level is largest and most picturesque. The basin is hood for swimming.

Other waterfalls are Mae Yai (the only waterfall accessible by car), Ton Kloi, Ton Sai and Wing Hin waterfalls.

San Yang Roi Trail

This 2-kilometres trail begins at the park headquarters and runs along the mountain shoulder past streams, waterfalls and moist evergreen forest. A trail to a rarely seen plant called Bua Phut at Bang Luk Chang Mountain. This plant blooms during October-April. Some rare palm can also be seen.

Getting there: The park office is some 140 kilometres from Surat Thani. It can be reached by proceeding on Highway No.401 (Surat Thani-Takua Pa) to Km.109 where a right turn leads to the park office, 1.3 kilometres further on. Private-run bungalows are along the access to the park office at Km.109.

Visitors traveling by bus from Surat Thani town can take either Surat Thani-Phuket bus or Surat Thani-Takua Pa bus and get off at the entrance to the park at Km.109. From Surat Thani railway station, visitors can take a Phunphin-Phuket bus to the park.

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Some useful Thai phrases

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Good luck
Good bye
Mr./Miss/Mrs.
Please
Thank you
Sorry / Excuse me
Yes
No
I'm going to....
How much is this?
How much do you want?
Too expensive
Any discount?
I can't speak Thai
Do you understand?
I don't understand.
Please speak slowly
Where?
When?
What is this?
Turn to the right
Turn to the left
Drive straight on
Slow down
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